

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

Date: February 11, 2010

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting:

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting, Sandra Cummings, Steve DiCapua, Suzanne Donofrio, Bert Mozealous, Alicia Clapp, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Ed Gomeau, Director of Business and Operations , Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent, and Sara-Jane R. Querfeld, Superintendent of Schools

1. Approval of Minutes January 14, 2010

Moved: approval of the minutes of January 14, 2010

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschett
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:

- a. 2009-2010 Budget
- b. State and Federal Funds
- c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua reported that Finance and Operations met this evening and explained the revisions to the 2010-2011 budget. He stated the budget has been reduced to a 2.9% requested increase over the current years budget. The reductions were made by not replacing the Assistant Principal at the High School and replacing that position with that of an Administrative Intern, and also by reducing the salary account by a total of \$250,000.

Mr. DiCapua also stated that they are still waiting for a report with regards to the boilers at the High School and should have it by the next Board of Education Meeting.

Mrs. Clapp stated her concerns with cutting the budget now, with anticipation of further cuts down the road.

1. Approval of the 2010-2011 Budget

Moved: to approve the 2010-2011 Budget

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 7
NAY: 1
ABSTAIN: 1

b. Personnel

1. Approval of resignation of Mary Anne Parachini, special education
Teacher at Ridge Road Elementary School (encl.)

Moved: to approve the resignation of Mary Anne Parachini, special education
Teacher at Ridge Road Elementary School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Alicia Clapp stated that she approves this with regrets. Mrs. Clapp stated that Mrs. Parachini is a wonderful teacher who loves children and cares deeply about education.

Mrs. Querfeld also stated that Mrs. Parachini is a wonderful teacher and will be missed.

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of Future Problem Solvers overnight field trip to
E. O. Smith and Nathan Hale Inn, Storrs, CT – UCONN
campus on March 26, 2010 (encl.)

Moved: to approve Future Problem Solvers overnight field trip to E.O. Smith
And Nathan Hale Inn, Storrs, CT – UCONN campus on
March 26, 2010

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of calendar for 2010-2011

Moved: to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Sandra Cummings
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported on her meeting at ACES. She stated that they watched a production of The Connecticut Tigers Winterguard. She explained they are a team of special needs high school students throughout New Haven County who really love to perform. She stated this production is funded by ACES. Mrs. Clapp stated they are assisted by 13 buddies, which are students from Cheshire High School and Lyman Hall. There were three youngsters from North Haven who performed. She stated that one of the directors was our new music teacher at Green Acres.

5. North Haven PTA Council

Dr. O'Brien reported that PTA Council met on January 25, 2010. He stated that there was fundraising activities at all of the schools for Hatian Relief, the Middle School is in need of new members, and will be conducting a membership drive. He reported there will be a "girls week" focusing on gender issues for 6-8th grade girls. There will be physicians from Yale Pediatrics for a Question and Answer session. Dr. O'Brien also reported plans for upcoming book fairs, as well as tickets being sold for the production of Music Man.

6. School Building Committee

Mr. Gomeau reported that the School Building Committee met on January 24, 2010 and approved the safety netting around the baseball field.

7. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Querfeld reported the following:

- Letter from Commissioner of Education regarding tracking (letter shared)
- Substance Abuse Council Meeting moved to March 16, 2010. Doing a TV show With Sgt. Mark Fasano and some parents with regards to substance abuse.
- Marlene Schwartz from Yale, coming with regards to childhood obesity and give a presentation on March 2, 2010.
- CMT boxes have arrived and are secure. The students will be tested the first week in March
- Middle School Scholastic Award Art winners: Julia Bjowski, Angela Chen, Kristen Brown, and Adam Alhamany. Teachers were Michelle Fogerty, Steve Miller and Elizabeth Titus. They will be invited to the next Board Meeting to share their art work with the Board
- Nine music students made All State from the High School.

8. Public Comments

- Jenny Caldwell made a comment with regards to bus stop on Washington Avenue and her concerns
- Gerald Feinberg stated some concerns he had with regards to the budget

9. Executive Session: (if needed)

10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Anita Anderson
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings
Chairman